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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of October 16-20, 2017

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed on Wednesday, October 18th** in observance of Alaska Day.

As a result, the sample acceptance schedule for that week must be modified, as follows:

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will ONLY be accepted by noon on Monday Oct. 16 and by noon on Thursday Oct. 19.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Monday Oct. 16, Tuesday Oct. 17, Thursday Oct. 19, and by noon on Friday Oct. 20.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Monday Oct. 16, Tuesday Oct. 17, and by noon on Thursday Oct. 19, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Monday Oct. 16, Tuesday Oct. 17, Thursday Oct. 19, and Friday Oct. 20, however the testing will be conducted when samples are pooled for efficiency.
- Dairy testing is scheduled once a month, as usual, and is already scheduled for week of Oct. 9th.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled for week of Oct 16th.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday October 23, 2017.

Assistance is available with timing of samples collections, completion of submission forms, packaging, temperature requirements, shipping, and sample tracking. Sampling questions, planned sampling activities, and shipping notifications, can be made to DEC.EH-Lab-ShippingReceiving@alaska.gov or 907-375-8231.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patryce D. McKinney".

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